

<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	09/852,580	BARROW ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTO-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1.  This communication is responsive to amendment after final dated October 07, 2005.
2.  The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3, 5-12, 14-23, and 25 renumbered as 1-22 respectively.
3.  Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a)  All
  - b)  Some\*
  - c)  None
  1.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3.  Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.  
**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

4.  A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5.  CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
  - (a)  including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
    - 1)  hereto or 2)  to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b)  including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6.  DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

#### Attachment(s)

1.  Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2.  Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3.  Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date October 07, 2005
4.  Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material
5.  Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6.  Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
7.  Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8.  Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9.  Other \_\_\_\_\_.

**DETAILED ACTION**

**EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with David E. Huang on October 25, 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

***In The Claims***

Claim 11, in line 22, insert - -;- - after "application-level programs".

***Allowable Subject Matter***

2. Claims 1-3, 5-12, 14-23, and 25 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art does not teach or fairly suggest that wherein the second port of the network interface card includes:

(i) a set of data pathway conductors that forms, between the control circuitry and the processing circuitry, a portion of a data pathway to carry data for storage within the data storage system, and

(ii) a set of message pathway conductors that forms, between the control circuitry and the processing circuitry, a portion of a message pathway to carry messages for controlling storage of the data, as specified in independent claims 1 and 19.

The prior art does not teach or fairly suggest that wherein the control circuitry of the network interface card includes a section of circuit board material and a processor which is physically mounted to the section of circuit board material, the processor being configured to move data between the first and second ports; and wherein the second port includes a backplane connector which is physically mounted to the section of circuit board material, the backplane connector being capable of mating with the backplane of the data storage system, as specified in independent claims 2 and 11.

The prior art does not teach or fairly suggest that wherein the second port of the network interface card includes:

(i) a set of data pathway conductors that forms, between the control circuitry and the processing circuitry, a portion of a data pathway to carry data for storage within the data storage system, and

(ii) a set of message pathway conductors that forms, between the control circuitry and the processing circuitry, a portion of a message pathway to carry messages for controlling storage of the data; and

exchanging, between the control circuitry and the processing circuitry and through the portion of the data pathway, data for storage within the data storage system, and

exchanging, between the control circuitry and the processing circuitry and through the portion of the message pathway, messages for controlling storage of the data, as specified in independent claim 10.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue

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fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

***Conclusion***

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anh-Vu H. Ly whose telephone number is 571-272-3175. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 7:00am - 4:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chi Pham can be reached on 571-272-3179. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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